

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Japanese climbers recently returning from a mountain in western Nepal said they had found footprints they think belonged to the abominable snowman or Yeti. We can't prove they are wrong, but then neither can anyone prove them correct. There have been so many claims of Yeti (or Big Foot) sightings which have been proven false that we automatically will label them as the latter claims. The recent Big Foot sighting claims in the United States proved to be nothing but a gorilla suit! That case got tons of nationwide publicity. Boy we would have been standing there with either egg on our face or hunting a rock to crawl under . . . or both at the same time. Don't know why folks do such things.

Friday is the deadline for voter registration in Alabama. That is if a person wants to vote in the upcoming presidential election. Already there are predictions of a record voter turnout nationwide. States which encourage early voting are already experiencing long lines at the polls. Oh, that is to go along with the glitches in the voting process which continue to haunt poll officials. People can dream of everything going right "next time", they can buy new machines but . . . anyone who has ever operated a computer knows it is not going to happen. We need to just hope for minor problems, easily repairable, etc.

It is interesting to see Alabama Senator Harri Anne Smith (a Republican) endorsing the Democrat candidate for the U. S. House. Of course the claims from the Jay Love campaign of why she did it are already flying and being denied by Smith but the fact remains that she is supporting Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright. Wiregrass citizens can easily remember the especially ugly campaign that the Love-Smith Republican primary race evolved into earlier this year. If they have forgotten, just listen to some of the TV spots in this, the General Election campaign and all the memory will quickly return. It is our opinion that Harri Anne is still harboring some resentment over some of the things said in her primary race. Resentment would not be a strong enough word if it was our name on the receiving end of any of that mud slinging.

The stock market (and the economy) continue to look like a disaster zone and the clean-up crew seems to have gotten lost on the way to the scene. Apparently the truth is that it took the world a long while to get this mess and it will take a while to clean it out of this mess. This week there is talk on the U. S. federal level of another one of those money give away programs or "stimulus" packages. Of course there will be some difference from the last time around, but we doubt there will be more money spread around without "Joe the Plumber" and all the other Americans getting another check also. We don't like the idea. The U. S. doesn't have the money, in fact ALL government money comes from us, the people; it cost about as much again to distribute the funds as is actually passed out, our grandchildren will have to pay back the dab of money each person gets, but in much larger amounts than we get to spend. We would sleep much better if the Washington crowd would cut their plush salaries, eliminate the unquestioned expense accounts, and trim their retirement benefits back to the same level as the average American gets, etc.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 13, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for theft of property, three for domestic violence, one for criminal mischief, one for burglary, two for private property accidents, two for harassment and one for horse defecating.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for no insurance, two for an expired tag, five for speeding, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for not wearing a seat belt and three for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13** - Burglary reported at 834 Smith Ave. (6:41 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Domestic disturbance reported at Taylor Mill Rd. and Martin Luther King Dr. (7:52 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Ann St. (9:40 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 419 County Rd. 124 (8:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 375 Hwy. 203 (11:12 a.m.); Private property accident reported at the

Shell station (5:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1225 Martin Luther King Dr. (7:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 450 (12:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 424 Moore Ave. (6:52 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched for a possible river rescue (9:20 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grease fire at 1019 Hickman Ave. (6:42 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 424 Moore Ave. (9:50 a.m.); Fight reported at the Inland station on Hwy. 84 E. (7:00 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 - Disturbance reported at 419 Harper Dr. (3:51 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at Brunson Trailer Park (8:39 p.m.).

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Governor Brewer supports constitution reform

Albert Brewer
former Governor
State of Alabama

The state shall not engage in works of internal improvements . . .

Article IV, Sec. 93

Did you know that the Constitutional of Alabama prohibits the state from building roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, docks, parks or other public facilities? All of these are "public improvements" and are expressly prohibited by Section 93 of the 1901 Constitution. Why was this section included in our constitution? Section 93 was brought forward from the 1875 Constitution - which was adopted to "redeem" the state from reconstruction and to address the desperate economic conditions that existed then. Also, remember that in 1901 there were no automobiles, roads were unpaved, transportation was either by train or horse and buggy and there was little interest in public improvements.

The restrictions of these provisions led to a host of

constitutional amendments to allow the state to build roads, and bridges; to authorize the state docks at Mobile; to build hospitals and treatment centers; to construct buildings at colleges, universities and public schools; to develop inland docks; to construct a system of state parks; to support public libraries and to provide economic development incentives. Over the years, literally hundreds of amendments have been adopted so as to allow the state to engage in these important public improvement projects.

Since stated, the 1901 Constitution was inadequate to deal with the realities of the 20th century not to mention our world of 2008. Its prohibitions were so narrow and restrictive that state and local governments could not meet the needs of the state. Of the over 800 amendments, almost half were adopted to relieve the restrictions of Section 93.

The effect of the restrictions of the 1901 Constitution were dramatically illustrated when Mercedes Benz made its decision to lo-

cate a manufacturing facility in Tuscaloosa County. An important factor in its decision were commitments to incentives made by state leaders. Imagine their chagrin when they discovered that constitutional issues about the validity of the commitments existed because of the restrictions of Section 93. Fortunately these concerns were satisfactorily resolved, but the situation points up the lurking pitfalls in this obsolete document.

Advocates of constitutional reform usually make their case with references to the desirability of "home rule", the disgusting racist language of the 1901 Constitution, its inordinate length, or its archaic language and provisions. In a very real way the provisions restricting the ability of state government to address problems and take advantage of opportunities may be the most compelling reason for a new constitution for Alabama.

Congratulations Little Miss Zion Chapel Whitney Senn

For Winning
Top 10 Overall and
Top 5 Stage Presentation
Little Miss
Peanut Pageant

We are proud of you,
Mamma, Mimi,
Papa, Uncle Chad, Aunt
Wyndi and Zane

Notice to the Patients of Dr. Henry Cochran:

We will hold a Flu Shot Clinic on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 28th
8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Thursday, Oct. 30th
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Spicer comments on Senator Smith's announced support of Bright for U. S. Congress seat

Representative Terry Spicer

(D-Elba) today issued the following statement regarding Senator Harri Anne Smith's endorsement of Bobby Bright.

"When Enterprise was devastated by the tornado, Senator Harri Anne Smith was standing there with me fighting for the funds we needed to rebuild our school and heal our community. She had the courage and strength to work across party lines to serve the people of the Wiregrass. Today she has proven once again what I and so many others know - that she is always willing to put politics and political labels aside to improve the lives of the people she represents."

Terry Spicer

BULLETIN BOARD

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• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Thursday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more info.

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit thebenefitsnews.com

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - 2nd Thursday of the month - 11 a.m. in the conference room @ Elba General Hospital

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 1 p.m. - Club House

• **COFFEE COUNTY WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Pk. Folks Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 3rd Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>



Shirley Edberg and Donna Clark

Local ladies attend conference

Shirley Edberg, president of the General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 and Registrar, Donna Clark, recently attended the Alabama Division Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy that was held at The Legends in Prattville. While at the convention, Edberg presented the 2008 Chapter President's Report as well as the District Director's Report. She also served as the treasurer of the Officer's Club and was elected secretary of the Alabama Division Great-Granddaughter's Club for 2008-2010.

Clark, who was serving as division chairman of the Judah P. Benjamin Committee, presented the Judah P. Benjamin Award to Gloria Mann for her outstanding civic service. Among other service to the city of Montgomery, Mann designed a new seal for the city. Division officers were selected and Clark was elected as 2008-2010 Alabama Division Historian.

Edberg received several awards from the Alabama Division on behalf of the Rucker Chapter. These awards were: the Chapter submitting the most supplemental membership papers, the chapter presenting the most Judah P. Benjamin Awards, the best President's report submitted for 2008, the chapter with the youngest new member in the state. Standard of Excellence Certificate of Honor, 100% in Subscriptions to the UDC Magazine, the chapter purchas-

ing the most UDC cartage on a % basis, first place winner in category B for chapter scrapbooks, second place winner for the awarding the most WWII Crosses of Military Service, second place winner for the Radio and Television Committee report and third place winner for publicity. Chapter member Georgia Fleming received a certificate and cash award for her essay on "Company D 12th Alabama Infantry, CSA." The chapter also received a certificate from the Southern Literature and Arts Committee for Mrs. Fleming's composition of the song "Jackson Is With Us Today."

On Historical Evening, Mary Ann Neely presented an interesting program on the history of the Lehman Brothers Company, which actually had its beginning in Montgomery, Alabama. Several Crosses of Military Service were presented to Viet Nam War Veterans and one soldier who is serving in Iraq was also honored, the award being presented to his mother.

Ron Taylor, from Red Level, entertained at President's Evening performing several of his original songs. Edberg and Clark participated in the convention activities along with almost 200 other ladies from all across Alabama.

Anyone interested in more information about becoming a member in the United Daughters of the Confederacy may call Shirley Edberg at 894-6120 or Donna Clark at 897-2042.

Elba's annual Christmas pageant set for Friday evening, Nov. 14th

The Annual Christmas Pageant, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium.

Dress will be Christmas Sunday Attire for the Baby Miss and Junior Miss divisions and Evening Gown for Junior Miss and Miss divisions. The pageant is NOT limited to Elba residents only.

There is an entry fee, and it should be submitted with the bio sheet, which can be picked up at any local school, Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Kids Unlimited. Bio sheets can also be obtained by calling Lyndsay Elliott (464-3718) or Anna Anderson (447-7200) to have the sheet faxed or emailed. Practice will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. This is not a mandatory practice. Those not attending the practice are asked that their bio sheet and entry fee be turned in prior to this so a number can be drawn for them.

Divisions are as follows: Baby Miss - birth thru 12 months, Tiny Miss - 12 months thru 23 months, Tot Miss - 2 years thru 3 years, Petite Miss - 4 years thru Kindergarten, Little Miss - 1st grade thru 2nd grade, Young Miss - 3rd grade thru 4th grade, Junior Miss - 5th grade thru 6th grade, Miss - 7th grade thru 8th grade, and Miss - 9th grade thru 12th grade.

The Queens and Runner-Ups are invited to ride in the Christmas Parade on Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. The line-up will be behind the old high school and will

Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba, Ala., with Rev. Fred L. Flowers officiating. Burial followed in Shady Grove Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband: Rudolph Jones, Elba; son: Stanley (KeAndrea) Jones, Bessemer, Ala.; daughter: Page Jones, Elba; step-daughter: Cindy Jones, Hart, Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers: Lamar (Juanita) Goosby, New Brockton, Ala.; Charles A. (Rosa) Goosby, Englewood, Calif.; three granddaughters: Indee, Hanna and Lexie Jones, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

JUANITA MOODY CONRAD

Mrs. Juanita Moody Conrad, age 90, of Panama City, Fla., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, at the Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Virgil Tillman officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery with Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie Lynnwood Conrad; parents, brother and sister.

Survivors include two sons: Fred Conrad, Chicago, Ill.; Louie E. Conrad (wife Virginia), Panama City; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

LILLIAN BAKER TAYLOR

Mrs. Lillian Baker Taylor, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20, 2008 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Travis Johnson and Rev. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to do so c/o The First Baptist Church of Elba.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by her parents, Alma and George Baker; her husband, Wallace Taylor; a son, Dan Taylor; along with a grandson, Josh Taylor.

Survivors include a daughter: Nancy Taylor, Fort Worth, Texas; granddaughter: Amanda Taylor, Jacksonville, Fla.; and a daughter-in-law: Benita Taylor, Jacksonville.

PORCHIA R. JONES

Mrs. Porchia R. Jones, age 62, died recently.

Funeral services were held

begin at 5 p.m. If the child is under the age of 4, it is requested that an adult accompany her on the float. Also, the Chamber is asking that no one other than Santa throw candy during the parade.

Everyone is invited to come early and have their picture taken with Santa.

For more information, contact Anna Anderson (447-7200) or Lyndsay Elliott (464-3718).

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday

Card of Thanks

The family of
Porchia R. Jones
wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the expressions of love and kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one.

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to thank each and everyone for all the prayers, visits and every act of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. May God bless you all.

The Family of Robert F. Duncan

Brundidge, Ala., seven granddaughters: Sue Whitaker, Gail (Wayne) Spann, both of Seale, Billie Jean (Mark) Freeman, Wetumpka, Ala.; Barbara (John) Carroll, Perry, Ga.; Nell (David) Gauge, Slocumb, Ala.; Faye (Robert) Johns, Jack, Ala.; Nita (Donnie) Sticer, Ozark, Ala.; 24 great-grandchildren, six great great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

THELMA HALL JOHNSON

Mrs. Thelma Hall Johnson, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, at her home in Elba.

Survivors include a son: David (wife Susan) Johnson, Ashford, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Todd Smith officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba. The Johnson family requests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to: Westside Baptist Church Bus Fund, 1026 Caroline Street, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband Morris Johnson.

Survivors include a son: David (wife Susan) Johnson, Ashford, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Reverend John W. Rigby officiating. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Cordle was preceded in death by her parents J.W. and Eugenia Donaldson; her husband D.W. Cordle; son Clendell Donaldson; two grandsons: Arlin "Junior" Mitchell and Gary Donaldson; along with two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a daughter: Voncile D. (Mitchell) Hicks, Seale, Ala.; step son: Hennon (Ruby) Cordle, Elba; two grandsons: Rodger (Kay) Mitchell, Seale; Cecil Cordle,

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Billy Redd
Pastor, First Assembly of God

"It is finished!"

Are you the kind of person who never finishes anything you start? Do you wish you could have the resolve to just finish something you start? If this is so, take encouragement from what Jesus said in John 19:30, "... He said, It is finished!" And, I feel like he knew the job was done.

God always finishes what He begins. In Philippians 1:6 the Bible is clear, "Be confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Also, in Isaiah 55:11 "I tell you, God never speaks a word without ensuring it comes to pass. If God says it that settles the matter, no matter what it may be. In Revelation 1:8, and 17 it states Christ is both the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Telling us that Christ is as much at the end of His work as He is at its beginning. Rest assured Saint of God, if God said it. It is going to come to pass.

Jesus was given an enormous task to do here on the Earth. He was to live a sinless life, in doing so He had to remain absolutely obedient to His Father. The scriptures tell us this, the manner of his death was to fulfill the many prophecies that had been foretold about His impending death. But despite the many scriptures Jesus received about His death, He could shout triumphantly from the cross, "It is finished!"

God, in His great LOVE that He has for you, will not force you to receive all that He has for your life. If God's work has not been brought to completeness in your life, it is not that Christ has not been diligently working to bring it to pass. Rather, you may need to release areas of your life to Him and be as determined to see God's work in you completed as Christ is.

Let each of us desire to be all we can be for the glory of God. Then, let us also declare with a loud shout, "It is finished!"

"Homecoming" to be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church on Sunday, October 26th

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having "Homecoming" on October 26, 2008 starting at 10:00 AM. Brother Dale Giles will be preaching the morning service with the Gile Family Singing in the afternoon service.

Elba United Methodist Women to meet Monday, October 27th in church fellowship hall

The Elba United Methodist Women will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October

Faith Chapel Church to be having homecoming services on Sunday, November 2nd

Faith Chapel Church (between Elba and Kinston on Hwy. 189) will be having homecoming on Sunday, November 2, 2008. The guest singers will be the Dennis Fam-

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:1-32

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Mason E. Guley, Clyde B. Goolsby, The Jones Family, Evelyn Manning, Caleb Kelley, Marie Tillis

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Jeanette Tillis- October 20, William Carpenter- October 20, Brock Kelley- October 20, Louis Kelley- October 21 (In Memory Of), Tonya Smith- October 21, Jason Guley- October 22, Naama Smith- October 22, Lazine Henry- October 22 (In Memory Of), Rod-

Today is a good day to be grateful. Eria

Missions Benefit Singing to be held Saturday, October 25th at Jack Assembly of God

A Missions Benefit Singing will be held at Jack Assembly of God on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Giles

\$63 million allocated to help Alabama citizens with rising energy costs

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs announced that it will receive \$63.8 million in federal funds to help low-income residents pay heating and cooling costs.

According to ADECA Director Bill Johnson, this represents a dramatic increase from the \$19.2 million allotted last year. "We all have been struggling with higher energy costs, so I know low-income families across the state will appreciate this extra assistance," Johnson said.

Punding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ADECA divides the funds among 23 community action programs across the state. Individuals needing assistance should apply to the agency that serves their community.

To qualify for assistance, individual or family income must not exceed 175 percent of the federally established poverty

level. Priority is given to senior citizens, people with disabilities and households with young children.

The following agencies administer LIHEAP assistance within the counties listed:

Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties Human Resources Development Corporation (334) 347-0881

Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate Annual Chorus Day

Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, celebration of Annual Chorus Day will be Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. For more information call the church office at 334-347-5195

God Is Love

Elba Christian Men's Breakfast planned for November 1st at Westside Baptist Church

The Elba Christian Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, November 1, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Westside Baptist Church Activities Building. The speaker will be LTC Rick Hayes, pastor of Westview Baptist Church in Enterprise. LTC Hayes will share his views and experiences in Iraq with those in attendance.

The Westside Baptist Church Activities Building is located at 1026 Caroline Street, Elba, Ala. **Revival services will be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church**

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be holding a revival with Brother Wayne Williams from Ozark, Alabama starting on October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with special singing nightly. For more information call Pastor Roy Turner at 334/347-0569. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms (Southland).

Ladies Power Lunch set for October 28 at Enterprise Church

"The Condition of the Body affects the Soul and the Condition of the Soul affects the Body" will be the subject of guest speaker Betsy Harris, Business Development Director of Medical Center Enterprise and advisor for Healthy Women and Senior Circle, at the noon hour Ladies Power Lunch to be held at First Baptist Church in Enterprise in the fellowship hall on Tuesday October 28, 2008. Special music will feature Dominique Raychard.

All ladies in the community are invited to attend and bring a friend from noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday. There is a charge for the meal. Child care for those under school age is available by early reservation only.

Meal and child care reservation required by Friday October 24 by calling Kathi at the church office at 334-393-5683.

New Ebenezer Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming

New Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 3132 Hwy 141 (Curtis Community), Elba, AL will celebrate homecoming Services Sunday, Nov. 02, 2008. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship begins at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be former pastor Rev. Alfred Iknor.

A covered dish lunch will follow the worship service. For more information call 897-5035

Wetland Reserve Program Workshops scheduled

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be hosting three workshops to inform landowners and tribes about the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

The workshops will be held on the following dates and locations: Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m.; at the Wiregrass Electric Cooperative in Hartford, on Oct. 30 in Crosswicks and on Nov. 6th, at 6 p.m., at the Alabama Farmers Federation Building in Montgomery.

WRP is a voluntary program that provides technical assistance and financial incentives to restore, protect and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal land from agriculture.

Landowners that enter WRP may be paid an easement in exchange for enrolling their land. Wetlands provide valuable habitat for waterfowl and many other wildlife species.

For more information, contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office, listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture, or on the web at: www.al.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

LIFESTYLES

ZC Fall Festival to be held October 23

Zion Chapel School Fall Festival will be held Thursday, October 23rd. Food (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, etc.) will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with games and other activities beginning at 5:30 p.m. Activities will include a hayride, cake walk, bingo, NASSCAR Store dance as well as other traditional activities. A silent auction will also take place from 5:30-7 p.m. with winners announced at 7:30 p.m. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Zion Chapel School is located on Highway 87 in the Jack Community.

Health departments expect ample supply of flu vaccine

Influenza immunization clinics are scheduled throughout the state beginning in October. County health departments and other health care providers in Alabama expect to have an ample supply of influenza vaccine for the 2008-2009 season.

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for most people, beginning for children at age 6 months, to protect against outbreaks, which generally occur from November to March in Alabama.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year in the U.S. between 5 and 20 percent of the population is infected with influenza, about 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized because of influenza complications," said Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer.

Typical symptoms of the flu include fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches, and often extreme fatigue. The public is also reminded to follow basic infection control measures to help prevent the spread of the flu. These include covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or cloth when coughing and sneezing, staying at home when sick, and washing hands frequently.

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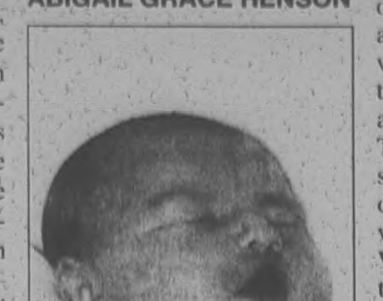
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NEW ARRIVAL

ABIGAIL GRACE HENSON



Abigail Grace Henson

Mike & Wyndi Henson announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace, who was born October 5, 2008 in Fayetteville, GA. She weighed 7lbs. 14oz. and was 20 inches long. Abby Grace was welcomed by her brother Ethan. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth & Dot Baker and the great-granddaughter of Frances Vaughan and Dot Baker.

Syrup-Making will be the featured event during Wiregrass Heritage Festival at Landmark Park

On Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Landmark Park will celebrate our agricultural heritage with the annual Wiregrass Heritage Festival.

One of the featured activities will be the annual gridding of the sugar cane for syrup making. Few farms in the Wiregrass at the turn of the century were without sugar cane. It was primarily grown as a subsistence crop, supplying syrup and crude brown sugar for sweetening. The sugar cane leaves were a secondary source of feed for livestock. Processing the cane was an occasion for celebration in rural areas. Demonstrations at Wiregrass Heritage Festival will cut the sugar cane growing in the fields of Landmark Park and bring it to the mule-drawn cane mill.

Landmark Park, home of the Alabama Agricultural Museum, is a 100-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North in Dothan, Ala. For more information, contact the park at 334-794-3452.

Exhibitors from across the Southeast will display restored antique tractors, engines and farm equipment. The annual antique tractor pull for pre-1964 tractors will also be held at the Wiregrass Heritage Festival. Park staff and volunteers will harvest peanuts using mules and vintage farm equipment. Other activities will include blacksmithing, basket making,

corn shelling, woodworking and more. Volunteers will also demonstrate spinning, weaving, cooking on a wood stove and open hearth, quilting, soap making and other traditional housewifery.

Kids' activities will include pony rides, games and a corn maze. Concessions will be available.

Musical performances by Midway Connection, Big Joe Hunter and the band, the College Choral Group will take place throughout the day in the Gazebo. Cloggers from Performing Arts Spectrum will also perform. The Shelley General Store and Martin Drugstore will be open, selling ice cream, candy and old country items.

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Musical performances by Midway Connection, Big Joe Hunter and the band, the College Choral Group

SCHOOLS

Elba High School celebrates Homecoming Week

by Kiera Robertson

During the week of Oct. 13-17, Elba High School participated in its annual Homecoming week. Every year during this week, the students take part in theme days to get everyone pumped up for the big game. Since the schools had a short week due to Fall Intercession on Monday and Tuesday, the students dressed up on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The theme for Wednesday was "Tie up the Tigers," so students wore ties to school. On Thursday, "Track Down the Tigers" Day, students wore camouflage. Friday, "Black and Gold Day," students wore the school colors to represent and encourage the Tigers.

Instead of the usual pep rallies that are held in the gym, the Homecoming pep rally was outside at the stadium. It started with the coronation of Homecoming Queen Shelby Brunson and her court. Then the varsity, junior varsity and pee wee cheerleaders performed.

The Marching Tiger Band played a variety of music to get the crowd into the pep rally and hyped up for the football players. The band also performed a special halftime show at the football game.

The Homecoming parade was held in historic downtown Elba. It started and ended at the old football stadium and went around the square.

The fans, students, varsity football players and members of the community came out to support the parade. They lined up on both sides of the streets, waiting hopefully for the candy that parade riders threw into the crowd.

The parade consisted of the Elba Marching Tiger Band, Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders, Miss Bronze, Miss Elba, the Homecoming Court, EES and EHS class floats, the Alumni of EHS, clubs, and organizations and much more.

The 2008 Homecoming week was a great success, leading to more school spirit and "Tiger Pride."



Principal Shane Casey crowns Elba High School's 2008 Homecoming Queen, Shelby Brunson, last Friday morning, Oct. 17, during the Coronation ceremony held at Tiger Stadium. Assisting Casey with the crowning is Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin. Miss Brunson was escorted during the ceremony by her father, Bill Brunson.



Courtney Driggers, Lindsey Carnely, Hannah Morgan and Bethany Wilson show their school spirit during Homecoming Week dressed in camouflage on Thursday for "Track Down the Tigers" Day.



FRESHMAN ATTENDANT Aaliyah Horstead was escorted by her father, Shay Horstead.



SENIOR ATTENDANT Marissa Lovens was escorted by her godfather, Darryl Elliott.



Elba firefighter Drew Parker (right) shows and explains the importance of the various pieces of equipment found on a fire truck to students in Mrs. Pam Smith's class during the recent fire safety/firehouse demonstration tour hosted at Elba Elementary School.

EES students participate in fire safety program

by Richi Singletary

On Friday, Oct. 3, the Fort Rucker Fire Department hosted a firehouse tour assisted by the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. The departments brought an actual firehouse and fire truck to Elba Elementary for students in grades K-2 to tour. The firefighters team up with the elementary school each year to teach students about fire safety.

The firehouse demonstration is also a way to help children learn the importance of getting

out of a burning building or house. Firefighters spoke to the students about proper procedures to follow if a fire starts.

The procedures are as follows:

1. Get low to the ground and start crawling.
2. Touch the door to see if it is hot.
3. Meet at a predetermined meeting site a safe distance from the fire.

A fireman, fully dressed in his fire equipment, made an appearance at the demonstration so the students would not be

afraid of a fireman in a real fire situation. During the fire safety talk, the firemen strongly suggested that the students talk to their parents to encourage them to set up a fire safety plan at their homes.

At the end of the event, students received fire hats and coloring books as gifts for participating in this program. The young elementary students learned a lot about fire safety during the program, and they proudly and excitedly wore their hats the rest of the day.

SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

NBHS plans exciting Homecoming celebration

The purpose of Homecoming is to encourage students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community to become filled with the NBHS spirit.

The week's events, competitions, and athletic events are meant as a time when all of NBHS can come together and have fun. All individuals participating in any way are encouraged to take full advantage of the fellowship and excitement that Homecoming brings.

This year's Homecoming theme is "Back to the 80's in '08." All students and teachers should participate in the dress-up days:

Monday: Crazy 80's - Let's Get Physical (Wear typical 80's dress - tight rolled jeans, turned-up collars, layered socks, sleeve-rolled t-shirts, sweat bands, leg warmers, big hair, etc.)

Tuesday: Walk Like an Egyptian (Toga Day - please make sure you still follow dress code!)

Wednesday: Heavy Metal & Punk Rock Day.

Thursday: Nightmare on Tyler Street (Halloween costumes).

Friday: Gamecock Pride Fest (Wear Homecoming t-shirts or school colors).

Important Dates & Events:
Oct. 24: All parade entry forms are due to Ms. Whitt.

Oct. 27: Homecoming Week begins and skit entry forms are due to Ms. Cotney.

Oct. 28: Money from each homeroom is due to Mrs. Oakes for attendants.

Oct. 30: Skit practice in the gym. Times will be announced. Skit music due to Ms. Cotney, 6th period. Coronation practice in the gym. Evening Coronation practice on the football field and downtown pep rally (specific times to be announced).

Oct. 31: 9:30: Coronation begins, followed by pep rally and skit entertainment.
2:10: Parade Begins
7:00: Evening Coronation and



Members of the New Brockton High School NETWORK club participated with the Coffee County Extension Service during the petting zoo. Pictured above are Christy McDaniel, Rebel Boswell, Jeshia Meadows, Jordan Stuckey and Audrey Johnson. The goal of the NETWORK club is to help students partner with community agencies, civic organizations and businesses.

Seniors discuss classes they are taking through ACCESS

by Tyler McCrummen

Also known as Alabama Connecting Classroom, Educators, and Students Statewide, ACCESS is a program that New Brockton High School has been running for one year going on two now.

It helps students learn a variety of different subjects. From Marine Science to Algebra 2, ACCESS has a range of different subjects that students can choose from. ACCESS also helps to relieve crowded classrooms.

When asked "How do you like taking ACCESS classes?" Missy Osborn responded, "It's good, but challenging at the same time."

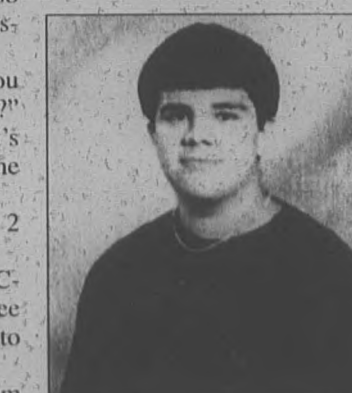
Missy is taking Algebra 2 with ACCESS.

When asked "What does ACCESS do for you?" Joseph Lee Scott responded, "It's going to help me to graduate."

ACCESS is a great program in New Brockton High School.



Missy Osborn



Joseph Lee Scott

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Students of the Month - September



New Brockton High School "Students of the Month" for September included: (left to right) Savannah Ellis - 9th grade; Abby Dunaway - 11th grade; Grady Whittaker - 7th grade; Heather Hendrix - 10th grade; Hassan Lawrence - 8th grade and Brandon Lee - 12th grade. Also pictured is Gary Glass, principal (far right).

South Alabama Electric Co-Op

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2008

Pike County Cattlemen's Complex

Hwy 231 S. Troy, AL

Entertainment provided by the Kingsmen

The Troy University Gospel Choir will also entertain at the SAEC annual meeting.

Come early and register for lots of great prizes!

Schedule of Events

- 11:00 a.m. **HOT DOGS** will be served. You will need the ticket from your goodie bag to pick up hot dog at drink window.
- 11:00 a.m. **Entertainment** Provided by Troy University Gospel Choir
- 12:00 noon **Registration of Members** Registration closes at 2 p.m. Make sure you bring your registration card to the meeting. No duplicates will be available.
- 12:30 p.m. **Entertainment** Provided by The Kingsmen
- 1:30 p.m. **Business Session Begins**
- 1:35 p.m. **Entertainment** Provided by The Kingsmen
- 2:00 p.m. **Registration Closes**
- 2:05 p.m. **Trustee Elections** Elections for Districts 3, 4, and At-Large
- 2:50 p.m. **Major Prizes Awarded**

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Tiger Tales

News from Elba City Schools

Teacher Spotlight

by LanChesica Cross

This week, the teacher spotlight is on Elba Elementary School's Lacy Jane Carlie Ward.

This is Mrs. Ward's first teaching job, and she is the elementary school's P.E. teacher. She graduated from Elba High School in 2004, then attended Alabama Southern Community College for two years before transferring to Huntingdon College to finish her Bachelor's degree.

Mrs. Ward said her favorite thing about teaching is coming to school everyday and making an impact on some child's life. She became a teacher because she wanted to be a part of the kids' lives. She also wanted to be a role model for the younger generation.

Mrs. Ward stated, "I have lived in Elba all my life, and it has been a dream of mine to come back and teach at my



Lacy Ward

Alma Mater. I love the small town atmosphere where everybody knows everybody."

Mrs. Ward recently got married to T.J. Ward and now resides in Samson, Ala. She says that her three dogs, Olive Jane, Camus Grace and Harley, are her only children. Her hobbies include riding horses, hunting, riding four-wheelers and playing with her dogs.

Junior high basketball teams plan invitational tournament

For the second year in a row, the Elba High School Junior High basketball teams will host an invitational tournament.

Teams from all over the Wiregrass area will participate in the tournament, which is set to take place Nov. 4-8.

Boys and girls basketball teams from each of the following schools will participate in the tournament: Bradley Middle School, Charles Henderson Middle School, Coppinville Junior High School, Daleville Middle School, Dauphin Junior

High School, Elba High School, Enterprise Junior High School, and Opp Middle School. Games will be held in the EHS and EES gymnasiums.

Elba Junior High boys' basketball coach, Bryan Peacock, looks forward to another great tournament.

"This year's tournament is going to be even better than last year's," said Peacock. "The pool of schools participating is very talented, and we've worked out some of the first-year glitches."

Student Spotlight

by Richi Singletary

This week, the student spotlight shines on Dustin Dorsey, an 18-year-old senior at Elba High School.

Dustin is the son of Scott Dorsey and Jason and Tonya Powell. He has one sister, Kristina, a junior at EHS.

Dustin has overcome many obstacles in the last few years and is still a high achiever at school and in the community. Two years ago, he was diagnosed with cancer, and he also battles other health problems. However, he has stayed strong throughout his fight for a healthy body.

Dustin has remained on the A-B Honor Roll at school and has kept a good attitude. He is also involved in the Co-Op program, through which he helps build forklifts at NASCO of Elba.

Dustin's teachers describe him as very positive and extremely mannerly. His math teacher, Mrs. Akridge, says, "Dustin always wears a smile."



Dustin Dorsey

He is one of the few kids we can count on to say "Yes, Ma'am" and "No, Ma'am."

Even with all that he's been through, he still has a good attitude and is well-liked.

Some of his hobbies include playing sports, spending time with friends and family and playing pool. After graduation, Dustin plans to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College or Auburn University to major in Aviation.



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IEWS FROM...

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BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

Both my girls have been active in sports throughout their lives and on many occasions told me they wished girls could have played football so they could have dressed out in black and gold and played for the Elba Tigers. Melanie never got the chance to play for the Tigers, but this fall did play flag football on her sorority team of Troy, and scored the only three touchdowns her team scored during a winless season. She got a little banged up in some games and missed one game due to an injury, but came back in the playoffs and scored twice as her team was eliminated. She does now have a little more respect for the high school players, but is already talking about next season and leading the team to some wins. Maybe by then she will over her injuries?

Elba Tigers kept their hopes alive....

The Elba Tigers kept their hopes alive by moving on to the playoffs last week with a wet 21-8 region win over Samson. The Tigers had their season-low output on offense and suffered three turnovers, but still managed to put twenty-one points on the scoreboard and evened their region record at 3-3 with one final region game left on the schedule. Elba's defense had some big plays that kept the Tigers in front and turned back three scoring threats after Samson had moved to first down at the Elba 19, 16 and 13-yard line. Elba's "fantastic freshmen" had another solid night as freshmen quarterbacks Michael Lindsey and Gunnar McCollough both scored touchdowns, while linebacker Tyler Anderson had a fumble recovery and lineman J'Quenton Truitt had a pass interception. It may not have been one of the Tigers more impressive wins, but it was a "must win" game for and kept their playoff hopes alive. As for the playoffs, New Brockton and Barbour County both won last week and that left the Tigers needing to win this week to claim the number four seed in the region race. Houston Academy and Barbour County have wrapped up the top two seeds, while a win by New Brockton this week will give the Gamecocks the #3 seed. The playoff preview started for Elba last week and if the Tigers can win this week they will move on to the real show and get the chance to start all over.

Area teams enjoyed a big week....

The area teams enjoyed a big week of action as New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Brantley all posted impressive region wins. Here's a look back.

*** **New Brockton (4-4)** wrapped up a playoff berth with a wild 28-26 road win over Houston County. The Gamecocks fell behind in the first half and had to fend off a number of bullets from the talented Lions' offense, but managed to stay calm and played their game to hold on and claim the win. Barring an upset the Gamecocks should carry a 3-game winning streak into the playoffs and could be a team to keep an eye on.

*** **Zion Chapel (3-5)** claimed its third win in the past four weeks with a 20-14 win over Francis Marion and is having fun again on the gridiron. The Rebels used their ball control offense to roll up lots of yards in the win, and many at the Rebel camp are openly looking for the team to close the season with two more wins and get back to .500 for the season. That task won't be an easy one, but after a 0-4 start the Rebels have certainly displayed a lot of dedication and pride.

*** **Brantley (8-0)** got bitten by the injury bug again, but still had more than enough to down Geneva County 42-13 and the region winning streak to 48 games. The bug that sidelined quarterback Chase Hall the week before sent running back sensation Anthony Guiley to the bench early in the game, and with the playoffs only a few weeks away the coaches have to wondering what is going on. The Bulldogs do have a very good team doctor, and if he can get the two standouts back he could very well earn team MVP honors.

*** **Kinston (0-8)** fell behind 40-0 at the half and lost to McKenzie 40-6 as their long losing streak reached 23 games. The Bulldogs haven't claimed a win since the middle of the 2006 season, but the players and coaches have never quit working and improvement can be seen in a number of areas. It will take a huge upset for the Bulldogs to get a win this season with Brantley and New Brockton left on the schedule, but there is no doubt they will be there trying.

Week number eight of the season....

Week number eight of the season has come and gone for high school football teams all across the state, and here's a quick look back at the week that was.

*** Enterprise walloped Dothan 48-20 to keep its playoff hopes alive and it looks like the Wildcats could very well be a spoiler once the post-season party begins. The 'Cats have improved steadily throughout the season and may very well be one of the best 6A teams in the state very few fans know anything about.

*** T.R. Miller jumped out to a 42-7 third quarter lead and held on late to hand Straughn a surprising 49-35 region loss. Straughn entered the game undefeated and convinced this was its chance to move atop the 3A standings, but T.R. Miller took a giant step forward and maybe it is better than I originally thought.

*** In other games of note Arion pounded Florida 55-0 to keep alive its playoff hopes, Charles Henderson clinched a spot in the playoffs with a 62-13 whipping of Carroll, Opp saw its region title hopes die with a 41-14 homefield loss to Elmore County, Geneva blanked Wicksburg 21-0 but won't be going to the post-season party, Goshen wrapped up a playoff berth with a 53-20 romp past Highland Home, Andalusia continued its nightmare season with a 47-24 loss to Hillcrest of Evergreen, Houston Academy plodded along with a 17-7 win over G.W. Long, and Luverne bounced back and continued its surprising season with a 31-28 win over Bay-side.

*** Reeltown scored 67 points in a 67-14 win over St. Jude to claim the week's highest scoring honor, while in a low scoring battle Fruitdale edged past Autaugaville 7-6.

*** A playoff peek reveals that Brantley will host Marengo in first round action, New Brockton appears headed for Millry, the Arion-Geneva County loser will have to travel to Sweet Water, and the tie-breakers will have to be used to determine who goes where with Daleville, Pike County and Slocumb all boasting 5-1 region slates.

For what it is worth....

*** I am a big Alabama fan, but after last weekend's 24-20 win over Ole Miss I have to believe the Tide is very much over-rated. There is no doubt the reason Alabama is 7-0 is the fact Coach Nick Saban has turned things around. However, the Tide has survived a couple of very close games and one day the ball may not bounce the right direction to keep the Tide on top.

*** Auburn plays Thursday night and it will be interesting to see just how the Tigers do with their new "coach by committee" offense. While it is true West Virginia isn't as good as in years past, the Mountaineers are still a very capable team and will be playing at home in front a highly partisan crowd. It may not be a conference game, but this could be a make it or break it game for Coach Tubs and his staff.

*** The Elba Youth Football League ended its regular season last weekend and it wasn't the best of weekends as only one team managed to claim a win. The Termite Tigers defeated Arion 66-0 to win the regular season crown and claim the role of favorites heading into the Super Bowl, while the Midget Tigers lost 12-0 to close with a 1-5 record and the Pee Wee Tigers saw their perfect season end with a 16-14 loss. Both the Termite Tigers and Pee Wee Tigers will be competing at the Tri-County Super Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 1, and both should have a solid shot at bringing home titles.

*** In closing.... Lamar Kelley is now out of intensive care and on his way to recovery after suffering a stroke. He gave his family and friends many stressful moments after the stroke and still has a long road back to recovery, but with all the prayers that are being said on a daily basis and his friends around to help he could very well have his most enjoyable years left ahead.

Polish Prognosticator plods along....

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend to leave this week's high school predictions and actually had on blue jeans instead of shorts due to the cool weather that moved in after the rains last Friday night. The local guesstimate made an easy prediction that the rains will have lots of football fans coughing and sneezing this week, and then left this week's picks for the preps. The guesstimate hit on 31 of his 40 picks last week to move his season totals to 243-61, and promised his best week is still yet to come. Here goes week number nine.

ELBA VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Pea River felines will head over near the state line Friday night and hope to slip into town, grab an invitation to the post-season party and get back out without running into a litter of ornerly hole kitties that live along the banks of a big river just down the street from the football field. The kitties missed out on a chicken dinner last weekend and may still be hungry. So, the felines need to get in quick and get out even quicker or these kitties could play the role of party poopers.

HOUSTON COUNTY 28 ELBA 21

NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The roosters that live over across the by-pass made it back to the coop last weekend with an invitation to the post-season party and

this week hope to start the party a little early against some kitties that haven't eaten in weeks. The roosters may be kind and throw the kitties a few crumbs, but the real feast won't take place until later Friday night and there will be lots of crow about.

NEW BROCKTON 40 SAMSON 16

ZION CHAPEL VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The troops from up at Fort Jack will take a hike across the county line this weekend and hope to prove that ground troops are always superior to a bunch of flyboys that get to wear helmets and dodge high-flying birds. While it is true troops that travel by foot are much more grounded, these pilots have better aim than many think and this could be a real war.

ZION CHAPEL 32 HIGHLAND HOME 30

BRANTLEY VS. KINSTON

The big dogs from across the river have invited a litter of pups from down across the county line to a late-season party, but the visitors had better beware since the dogs aren't exactly known for being good hosts. Something tells me the party will start early Friday night.

BRANTLEY 47 KINSTON 0

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Elba and New Brockton both face important region battles Friday night in week nine action

The high school football season will kick off its ninth week of action Friday night all across the state and locally the Elba Tigers and New Brockton Gamecocks will both be fighting to earn a berth in the upcoming state playoffs.

Following are previews of this week's games:

Elba (5-3) at Houston County (4-4)

The Elba Tigers will travel to Columbia Friday night to battle the Houston County Lions in a game in which the winner makes the playoffs and the loser stays home.

The meeting will be the fifth all-time between the two region rivals, with Brantley holding a 3-1 lead in the series.

Elba claimed a 21-8 win over Samson last week to snap a three-game region losing streak to keep its playoff hopes alive, and must win Friday night to earn the fourth seed in the eight-team region. Houston County will bring a 4-4 slate into the clash with wins over Cottonwood 52-50, Abbeville 41-30, Samson 34-12 and G.W. Long 35-21 and losses to Ashford 31-12, Houston Academy 35-14, Barbour County 14-0 and New Brockton 28-26. The Lions have averaged over 34 points a game the past four weeks, and last week in the loss to New Brockton were led by quarterback Desmond Warren with 62 yards and one touchdown running, 265 yards and 2 touchdowns passing and a 65-yard kickoff return for a score.

This game will have a playoff atmosphere and will be a true "must win" game for both teams.

Samson (1-7) at New Brockton (4-4)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to wrap up the number three seed in the region Friday night when they host the Samson Tigers.

The region match-up will be the 16th all-time between the rivals, with New Brockton holding a 10-5 advantage, but Samson winning the last meeting 24-13 last season.

The Gamecocks wrapped up a playoff spot last week with its 28-26 win over Houston County, but knows its needs a win this week to avoid a trip to defending state champ Leroy in the opening round of the playoffs.

Samson will come into the game in the midst of a 5-game losing streak and during the streak has been outscored 149-29. The Tigers only win was over G.W. Long 26-14, while their losses came to Pleasant Home 21-20, Barbour County 12-6, Houston Academy 36-0, Headland 28-6, Houston County 34-12, Cottonwood 30-

3 and Elba 21-8.

New Brockton knows a higher seed will make life a little easier in the playoffs, and should have the emotional edge in this region rivalry.

Zion Chapel (3-5) at Highland Home (0-8)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to continue their late-season surge Friday night when they travel to Highland Home to meet the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in the final region match-up of the season.

The game will be the 11th meeting between the two region rivals and Highland Home leads the series with a 4-4 record, including four straight wins.

The Rebels claimed their third win in their last four games last week with a 20-14 win over Francis Marion, and have their sites set on wins in the closing two weeks to close the season with a 5-5 slate. Highland Home has struggled throughout the season and will enter the clash Friday night with a winless record. The Flying Squadron has lost to Ashford 37-6, Keith 34-7, Reeltown 41-18, R.C. Hatch 20-6, Brantley 56-6, Francis Marion 43-14, St. Jude 40-16.

and Goshen 53-20.

This game will feature two teams hungry for a win and could be much closer than many may think.

Kinston (0-8) at Brantley (8-0)

What could be billed as the biggest mismatch of the season will take place Friday night in Brantley when the second-ranked Brantley Bulldogs host the winless Kinston Bulldogs, in the region finale for both teams.

The game will be the 21st all-time between the two region rivals, with Brantley holding a 17-3 edge in the series and the last Kinston win coming way back in 1991.

Brantley will enter the game more than a little banged up and may be without the serv-

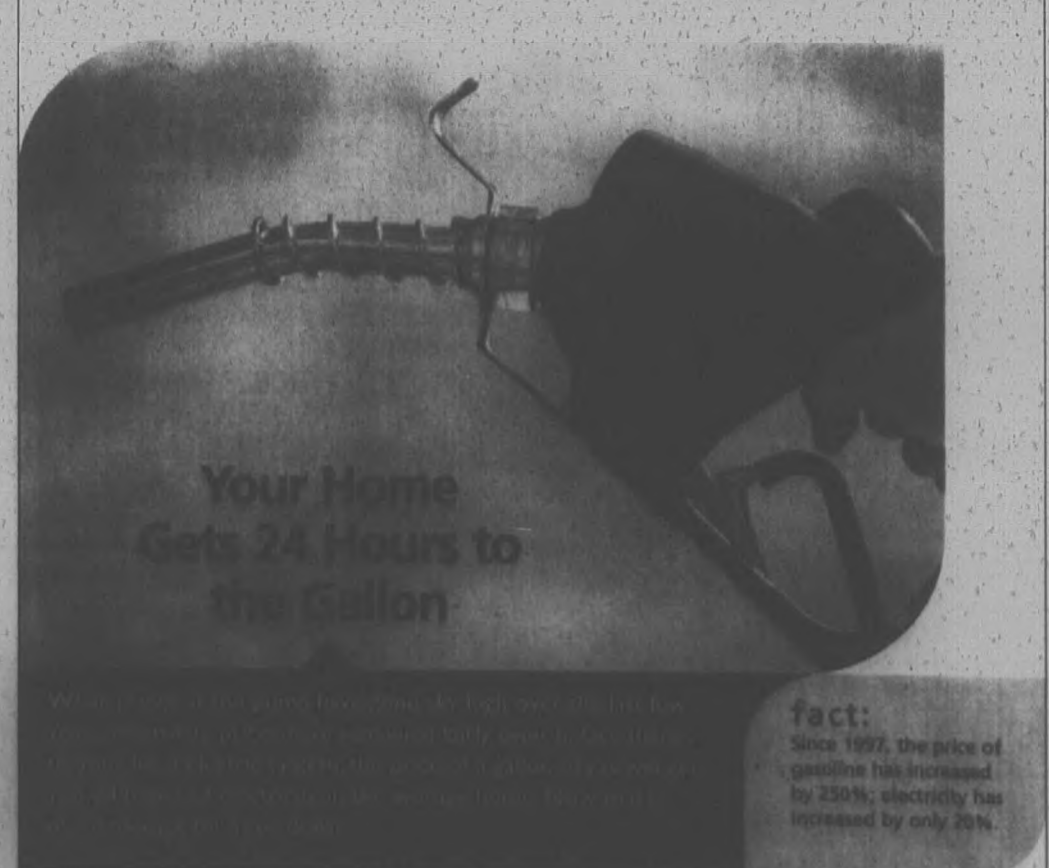
ices of their two main offensive weapons in quarterback Chase Hall (hip) and running back Anthony Guiley (ankle). The Bulldogs have outscored their victims 389-84 this season in rolling to eight straight wins, and last week scored 42 points in a win over Geneva County despite the injuries to their two standouts. Brantley will enter the game with a 23-game losing streak and having lost 29 of its last 30 games over a three-year span. The Bulldogs are averaging 7 points a game and allowing 53 points a game.

While this game is a mismatch on paper, it won't be played on paper and that gives the Bulldogs hopes for an upset of monumental proportion.

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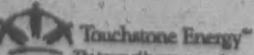
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QUEEN SHELBY BRUNSON AND HER COURT...reigned over the festivities last Friday night at the Elba High homecoming game against Samson. Those taking part in the pregame festivities included (from left) Sophomore attendant Molly McGuire escorted by her father Mike McGuire, Senior attendant Marrita Levens escorted by her godfather Darryl Elliott, Homecoming Queen Shelby Brunson escorted by her father Bill Brunson, Junior attendant Kayla Riels escorted by her father Scott Riels and Freshman attendant Aaliyah Horstead escorted by her father Shay Horstead.

Improve record to 5-3

Tigers celebrate homecoming with 21-8 win over Samson

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers kept their playoff hopes alive and sent a large homecoming crowd home wet, but happy, with a 21-8 win over the Samson Tigers Friday night on a rain-soaked Mack Wood Field.

The win upped Elba's record to 5-3, 3-3 in region play, while Samson slipped to 1-7 with the loss, 1-5 against region opponents.

Neither team managed to move the chains on the first four offensive series of the night, and it was the Elba defense that set up the game's first points when Trey Belcher tipped a pass near the line of scrimmage and Tiger teammate J'Quenton Truitt pulled in the home run. The Bulldogs were averaging 7 points a game and allowing 53 points a game.

While this game is a mismatch on paper, it won't be played on paper and that gives the Bulldogs hopes for an upset of monumental proportion.

Samson threatened to get on the scoreboard on its first two possessions of the third quarter and on both possessions reached a first down at the Elba 15-yardline. A big hit by Elba linebacker Colton Vaughan on fourth down and nine turned

back the first scoring threat, while the second scoring opportunity died when Jonathan Farmer came up with a fumble recovery.

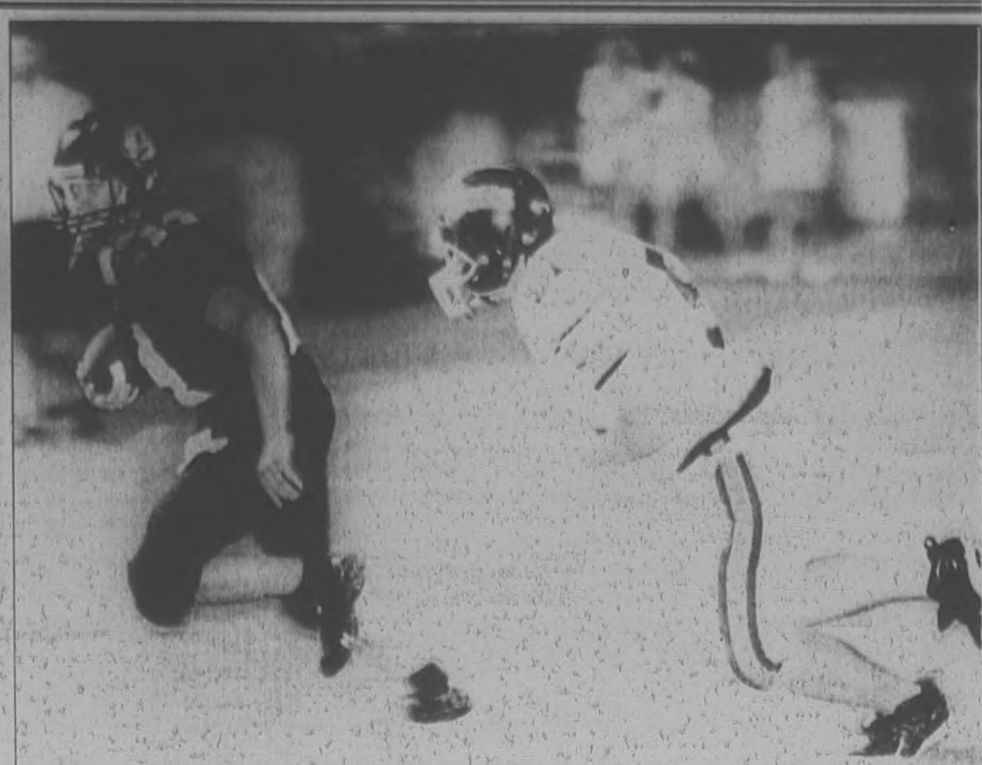
Samson faked a punt on fourth down and 16 at its own 41-yardline late in the third quarter and failed to gain the necessary yardage, handing the ball over to Elba at the Samson 44.

From there the Tigers put the ball in the hands of Michael Lindsey, and the freshman quarterback carried Elba downfield as he carried the ball on seven straight plays and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard dash up the middle. Richard Cooks added the extra-point and with 9:55 left in the game Elba was in command with a 21-0 lead.

The Tigers missed out on a chance to add to their lead on their next possession with a fumble at the Samson 1-yardline, but Samson did get on the scoreboard following the turnover as it marched 99 yards in 9 plays to avoid the shutout.

Brandon Carter led his team down the field with his arm and his legs, and capped the long scoring drive with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Deante Williams. Carter also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 2:00 remaining on the clock Elba's lead stood at 21-8.

Samson had a chance late to



Elba Tiger quarterback Gunnar McCollough (14) eyes the endzone after turning the corner on a Samson defender. McCollough scored on a 6-yard run late in the second quarter to give the Tigers a 14-0 halftime lead.

add to its total after blocking an Elba punt, but the Tiger defense turned back the late threat and held on as Elba claimed the 21-8 region win.

Michael Lindsey gained 63 yards on 17 carries and scored one touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Gavin Respress added 35 yards on 9 carries and scored one touchdown and Gunnar McCollough added 25 yards on 8 carries and also scored a touchdown. Lindsey and McCollough combined to complete 4 of 9 passes for 56 yards, with Trey Belcher mulling in 2 passes for 22 yards.

The Tiger defense was led by Colton Vaughan with 7 tackles and 2 assists, while Antwan Griffin had 2 stops and 6 assists, Jason Mitchell had 3 stops and 3 assists and Trey Belcher had 6 solo tackles. Tyler Anderson and Jonathan Farmer both came up with fumble recoveries and J'Quenton Truitt had a pass interception.

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Gamecocks punch tickets into 2A playoffs with 28-26 win over Lions

Statistics by Michael Jerkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks took a giant step toward wrapping up a playoff berth Friday night by claiming a wild 28-26 region win over the Houston County Lions, in Columbia.

New Brockton began the game's first possession at the Houston County 43-yardline after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt and wasted little time driving down the field to grab an early lead. Hunter Canley capped the drive with a 1-yard sneak for a touchdown, and Kyle Roehler added the extra-point as the Gamecocks took a 7-0 lead with 8:20 remaining in the first quarter.

A big stop on a fourth down play by New Brockton's Justin Griswold gave the ball back to the Gamecocks at their own 38-yardline midway through the quarter, and the Gamecocks again drove the ball down the field, only to come away empty-handed when a 37-yard field-goal by Kyle Roehler missed its target.

New Brockton's Austin Bryant picked off a Houston County pass on the Lions' next possession near midfield, but the Gamecocks gave the ball right back on another pass interception that set the Lions up at the New Brockton 45-yardline. The Gamecocks' Seth Culverhouse continued the game's series of

turnovers with yet another pass interception only minutes later. However, the trio of turnovers failed to produce any points and with 1:20 remaining in the half Houston County put the ball in play at its own 28-yardline after a New Brockton punt.

The Lions stunned the Gamecocks and got on the scoreboard with no time left on the clock when Desmond Warren lofted a 32-yard pass that was pulled down by Cody Rhodes for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but when the teams went in at the half New Brockton's lead was down to 7-6.

Houston County received the second half kickoff and wasted no time grabbing the lead as on the first play, from scrimmage, Desmond Warren spotted a receiver racing down the sidelines and delivered a strike that resulted in a 65-yard Lions' touchdown. Warren also ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:45 left in the third quarter Houston County was on top 14-7.

The Gamecocks began their ensuing series at their own 39-yardline and marched 61 yards to pull even with the Lions. Tevin McNair scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Kyle Roehler added the extra-point as New Brockton pulled even at 14-14 with 7:29 remaining in the quarter.

New Brockton regained possession at its own 32-yardline

after a defensive stand and the Gamecocks marched right back down the field to regain the lead. Tevin McNair capped the scoring drive with a 1-yard reception from Austin Bryant and Kyle Roehler tacked on the extra-point as the Gamecocks moved back ahead 21-14 with 1:53 remaining in the third quarter.

The momentum didn't stay on the New Brockton sidelines for very long; however, as on the ensuing kickoff Houston County's Desmond Warren fielded the kick at the 35-yardline and raced 65 yards for a Lions touchdown. A two-point try failed, and with 1:41 left in the quarter the Gamecocks' lead stood at 21-20.

New Brockton's Seth Culverhouse returned the ensuing kickoff 28 yards to the Gamecock 40-yardline, and the Gamecocks regained command as they drove 60 yards to extend their lead. Tevin McNair capped the impressive drive with a 1-yard touchdown drive, and Roehler booted the extra-point to give New Brockton a 28-20 lead with 8:47 remaining in the fourth quarter.

After an exchange of punts Houston County found itself at its own 13-yardline with only 2:20 remaining on the clock. The Lions ignored the late-game pressure and quickly covered the 85 yards to reach the endzone and cut into the Gamecock lead. The score came on a 1-yard run by Desmond Warren, but a fumble on the two-point try was recovered by New Brockton's David Davidson and the Gamecocks survived to claim the wild 28-26 win.

Tevin McNair gained 160 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on 34 carries to lead New Brockton, while Johnny MacArthur added 45 yards on 2 carries. On defense, David Davidson had 9 tackles and 1 sack, while Austin Bryant had 5 tackles and an interception. Seth Culverhouse had 4 tackles and an interception and Justin Griswold had 5 tackles and 1 sack.

Desmond Warren gained 62 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown, completed 17 of 25 passes for 265 yards and 2 touchdowns and returned a kick-off 65 yards for a touchdown to lead Houston County.

STATISTICS

NB	HC
15 1st Downs	12
45-222 Rushes-Yds.	19-74
32 Passing Yds.	265
254 Total Offense	339
2-5-1 Passes	17-25-2
3-30 Penalties-Yds.	8-43

New Brockton's Seth Culverhouse (11) looks for room to run as he heads upfield in a recent Gamecock win. The Gamecocks will host Samson Friday night in their final region game of the season. (Mike Capps photo)

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ON THE LOOSE... A Zion Chapel runner heads upfield in last week's 20-14 win over Francis Marion. The Rebels will be looking for their fourth win of the season Friday night when they travel to Highland Home.

Rebels slam Rams 20-14

Story by Chris Winters
Photos by Matt Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their late-season surge Friday night with an exciting 20-14 region win over the Francis Marion Rams, at Green Memorial Stadium in Jacksonville.

Francis Marion received the opening kickoff and brought the visiting crowd to its feet when Jerome Smith fielded the kick and raced 85 yards into the endzone. However, a flag for a block in the back nullified the long return and two plays later the Rams handed the ball over to the Rebels with a fumble at the Zion Chapel 40-yardline.

Zion Chapel headed toward the endzone behind the running of Wesley Black, who gained 47 yards on 9 carries, but the Rebels were also turned away as a fourth down pass in the endzone was intercepted.

An interception by Zion Chapel's Justin Winters near midfield stopped the next Rams possession, but once again the turnover bug bit the Rebels as on a punt attempt a low snap skidded on the wet field and Francis Marion regained possession at the Zion Chapel 16-yardline.

Courtney Whitt scored the touchdown on a 16-yard run to put the Rams on the scoreboard and Jerome Smith ran in the two-point conversion as Francis Marion struck first and grabbed an 8-0 lead with 10:33 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel failed to mount a drive on its ensuing possession, but got the ball back near

midfield late in the half and this time covered the distance into the endzone to cut into the Rams lead. The scoring drive covered 52 yards on 7 plays, with the touchdown coming on a 24-yard run by Wesley Black. The two-point try failed, and when the teams went in halftime Francis Marion was still clinging to an 8-6 lead over the Rebels.

Turnovers were the story early in the third quarter, and was a turnover that sparked the Rebels to take the lead as Justin Winters picked off his second pass of the night and returned the interception 31 yards to the Francis Marion 41-yardline. A 24-yard run by Garrett Stinson moved Zion Chapel to the Rams 17, while on third down and five from the 12 Wesley Black bulled his way for 3 yards. A penalty flag for grasping the facemask gave the Rebels a first down at the 9, and on the next play Wesley Black again got the call and this time scored his second touchdown of the game on a 4-yard blast off tackle. Lance Walden passed to Corey Carter for the two-point conversion and Zion Chapel was now on top 14-8.

Zion Chapel got the ball back at its own 48-yardline after a Francis Marion gamble on fourth down, and the defensive stand reignited the Rebel offense as it drove 52 yards in 8 plays to extend its lead. A 12-yard pass from Lance Walden to Colton Miley was a key play in the scoring drive and Garrett Stinson powered his way for 27

yards on 4 carries, while the score came on a 1-yard sneak by Walden. The two-point try failed, but with 8:05 remaining in the game the Rebels were finally in charge with a 20-8 advantage.

Francis Marion refused to go down without a fight and marched 80 yards in 11 plays to cut into the Zion Chapel lead. The Rams went to the air on 9 of the 11 plays, and Preston Melton connected on 4 of the 9 passes for 65 yards to a trio of receivers. The touchdown came on a 7-yard Melton strike to Jerome Smith, but the two-point try failed, and with 2:12 remaining the Rebels lead was down to 20-14.

Zion Chapel recovered the ensuing on-sides kick and then simply ran out the clock to give the Rebels the big 20-14 home-field win.

Wesley Black gained 135 yards on 25 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Zion Chapel, while Garrett Stinson added 55 yards on 14 carries and Colton Miley pulled in 1 pass for 12 yards.

Preston Melton gained 30 yards on 9 carries and completed 7 of 14 passes for 100 yards to lead Francis Marion.

STATISTICS

ZC	FM
13 1st Downs	6
46-202 Rushes-Yds.	20-69
12 Passing Yds.	100
214 Total Offense	169
1-8-1 Passes	7-14-2
5-1 Fumbles/Lost	4-2
3-20 Penalties-Yds.	8-40

First half explosion dooms Kinston Bulldogs in 40-6 region loss to McKenzie Tigers

Statistics and photos by Wesley Hunko

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the McKenzie Tigers Friday night for their final home game of the season and watched as their record slipped to 0-8 with a 40-6 loss to the high-powered Tigers from Butler County.

The Bulldogs got off to fast start when McKenzie's Melvin Owens fumbled the opening kickoff and Kinston recovered at the Tiger 33-yardline. How-

ever, the Bulldogs were unable to cash in the early scoring opportunity and from there it went downhill quickly as the Tigers exploded for 40 points in the opening two quarters to take command.

The first Tiger touchdown came on a 25-yard run by Armond Ball with 9:12 remaining in the first quarter, while the second score came with 6:35 left in the quarter on a 16-yard pass from Calvin Henderson to Emmanuel Johnson. The Tigers

rounded out their first quarter scoring with 1:18 left in the period on a 10-yard Armond Ball touchdown, and after one quarter of play McKenzie's lead stood at 18-0.

The rain in the second quarter didn't slow down the Tigers as McKenzie added 22 second quarter points to open up a 40-0 halftime bulge. A 42-yard pass from Calvin Henderson to Emmanuel Johnson with 7:29 left in the quarter was the first Tiger touchdown of the stanza, while the second score came with 2:33 remaining on a 12-yard run by Melvin Owens and the final score came with just 20-seconds left on the clock when Calvin Henderson intercepted a Bulldog pass and returned it 25 yards for a score. Rakeem Ball and Xavier Smith added two-point runs.

The Kinston "Dog-fense" came out ready to play in the second half and held McKenzie scoreless over the final two quarters. Kinston's offense struggled for much of the second half, but did cash in late on a touchdown run by Kyle Sparks and at the final horn the scoreboard read McKenzie 40 Kinston 6.

Ludger Boswell ran for 39 yards to lead the Bulldogs offense, while Wesley Burton added 38 yards and Jonathan Sasser gained 29 yards. Eric Wise led the Bulldog defense with 5 tackles and Kyle Sparks had 4 stops. Joey Yates had a pass interception.



Kinston's Coach Sam Dean talks with his team during a time-out Friday night in the Bulldogs' 40-6 region loss to the McKenzie Tigers.

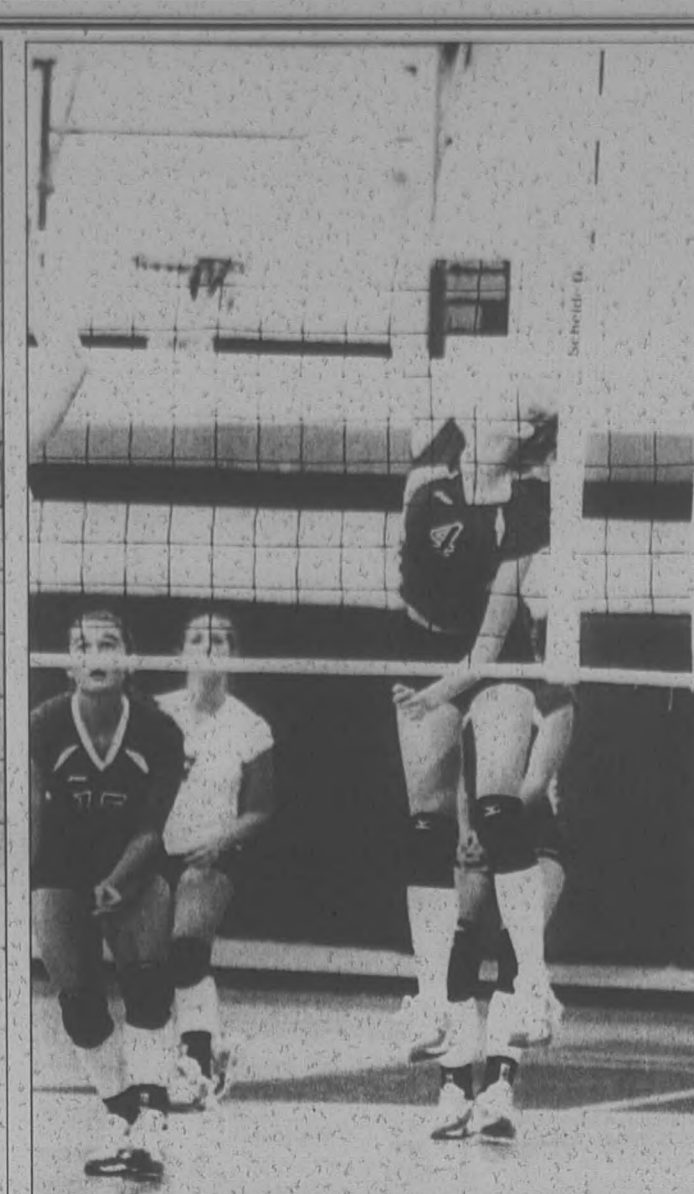
SPORTS



REBEL SET... A Zion Chapel Lady Rebel sets a ball during recent action. The Lady Rebels won the Class 2A, Area 5 tournament last week and advanced to Region Tournament play. (Mike Capps photo)



TIGERS AT THE NET... Two Elba Lady Tigers jump high in a block attempt during recent high school volleyball action. The Lady Tigers won the Class 2A, Area 2 championship last week with two tourney wins. (Mike Capps photo)



KINSTON KILL... A Kinston Lady Bulldog goes high to make a kill in action last week. The Lady Bulldogs won the Class 1A, Area 2 title and this week will advance to sub-state action. (Mike Capps photo)

County volleyball teams sweep area tourney titles

The high school volleyball season held its annual area tournaments last week with the Elba Lady Tigers, Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Lady Rebels all claiming area titles.

Elba (11-7) competed in the Class 2A, Area 2 tournament in Samson and posted wins over New Brockton 25-14, 25-21 and 25-14 and Samson 21-25, 25-12, 25-14, 17-25 and 15-7 to take home the area crown.

Janet Carley delivered 12 straight service points to spark the Lady Tigers to a win in their second set against Samson, and they survived the five-set marathon to pull out the win. Kinston (18-13) hosted the

Class 1A, Area 2 tournament and defeated Pleasant Home 25-9, 25-19 and 25-11 to keep the crown. Erin Shaw had 10 aces, 6 kills and 2 digs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Crystal Baker added 4 aces, 2 kills,

15 assists and 10 digs and Hollie Kilcrease added 5 aces and 18 digs. Zion Chapel (18-2) hosted the Class 2A, Area 5 tournament and rolled past Goshen 25-10, 25-13 and 25-4 to claim

the title. Clara Smith had 9 assists to lead the Lady Rebels, while Cheyenne Nelson added 4 kills and 1 ace and Kelli Behrens added 3 kills and 2 aces.

Blasts Geneva County 42-13

Brantley keeps on rolling

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their region winning streak to 48 games Friday night with an impressive 42-13 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Brantley.

The Bulldogs played without injured quarterback Chase Hall and lost Anthony Gulley to an ankle injury on the game's first series, but barely missed a beat on offense as senior running back Stephen Walker ran for

155 yards and 3 touchdowns on 15 carries and returned a punt for another score.

As the game opened in a steady drizzle Brantley drove 70 yards in 9 plays to grab an early lead. Zach Johnson scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 6:56 remaining in the first quarter to get the Bulldogs on the scoreboard, and Britt Barnes booted the extra-point as Geneva County cut the Brantley lead to 28-7 with 6:24 remaining in the quarter.

Geneva County's Angerico Lawson intercepted a Bulldog pass on Brantley's ensuing possession to turn back a scoring threat, and Geneva County promptly headed right back down the field to score its second touchdown of the half. Reese hit Desmond Lett with a 15-yard touchdown toss with 10:51 left in the fourth quarter, and while a mishandled snap foiled the extra-point try, Brantley's lead had been chopped to 28-13 early in the final stanza.

Tory Upshaw returned the ensuing kickoff to near midfield to give Brantley excellent field-position, and the Bulldogs covered the distance into the endzone in six plays to regain command. Stephen Walker gained 49 yards on 3 carries to lead the Bulldogs downfield, and scored the touchdown on a 13-yard burst up the middle. Britt Barnes added the extra-point and with 6:56 remaining Brantley's lead was up to 35-13.

Devontae Porter scored the game's final touchdown on a 31-yard sweep around the left end with 40-seconds remaining on the clock to cap a 5-play, 53-yard drive, and Barnes booted the extra-point to give the Bulldogs the 42-13 region win.

Brantley appeared to add to its lead late in the half on a 45-yard punt return by Devontae Porter, but a penalty flag for an illegal block nullified the long scoring play, and the Bulldogs carried the 21-0 lead in at intermission.

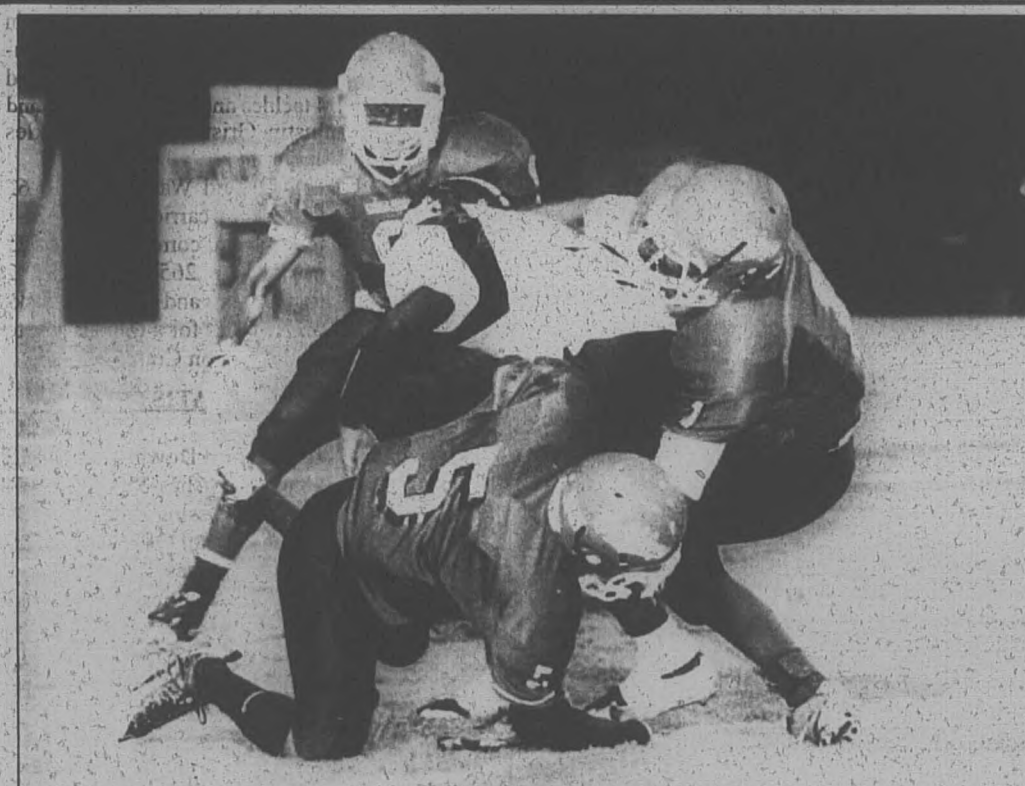
Geneva County was held to a three and out to open the second half, and punter Patrick Fondren was pressured into a short, line drive punt that was fielded by Brantley's Stephen Walker. Walker returned the punt 25 yards for a touchdown, and Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point as the Bulldogs' went ahead 28-0 with 10:30 left in the third quarter.

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Brantley Bulldog defenders Devontae Porter (5), Tory Upshaw (1) and Cassius Tillis (9) combine to stop a Geneva County runner for a short gain in last week's big 42-13 win. This week the Bulldogs will be looking to improve to 9-0 and up its region winning streak to 49 games when they host the Kinston Bulldogs.



BRANTLEY BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS KEEP THE BEAT... during last week's 42-13 region win over Geneva County. The win was the 48th straight region win for the Bulldogs and improved their record to 8-0 with the Kinston Bulldogs up next in their quest to post an unbeaten season.

B	1st Downs	GC
16	Rushes-Yds.	32-112
42-310	Passing Yds.	33
15	Total Offense	145
325	Passes	4-12-1
1-5-1	Return Yds.	90
98	Fumbles/Lost	1
0	Penalties-Yds.	3-20
10-85	Punts-Ave.	4-29
1-50		

Free hunter ed course set for LBW Nov. 3-6

The Alabama Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division on the LBW Community College MacArthur Campus, November 3, 4, 5, and 6. This four-day course will be held in the Conference Center Building from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each night.

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According to the American Cancer Society, about 182,460 women in the United States will be found to have invasive breast cancer in 2008. About 40,480 women will die from the disease this year. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is about 1 in 8, and the chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35. The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chances that treatment will work. Mammograms are the best method to detect breast cancer early. Women who are 40 or older should get a mammogram every year. Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a regular exam by a health expert, at least every 3 years. Regular self-breast exams are also encouraged.

Breast Cancer Risk Factors
The highest risk factor is being female; the disease is about 100 times more common among women.

The risk increases as a woman grows older. The risk is especially high for women age 60 and older. Breast cancer is uncommon in women younger than age 35, although it does occur. There is some evidence to suggest young African American women are at greater risk for breast cancer than young Caucasian women.

Personal History Women who have had breast cancer and women with a history of breast disease (not cancer, but a condition that may predispose them to cancer) may develop it again.
Family History The risk of developing breast cancer increases for a woman whose mother, sister, daughter or two or more close relatives have had the disease. It is important to know how old they were at the time they were diagnosed.

The Breast Cancer Gene: Some individuals, both women and men, may be born with an "alteration" (or change) in one of two genes that are important for regulating breast cell growth. Individuals who inherit an alteration in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene are at an "inherited" higher risk for breast cancer. They also may pass this alteration on to their children, but it is very rare. Scientists estimate that only about 5-10 percent of all breast cancers are due to genetic change. One out of two women with these changes are likely to develop breast cancer. Women with a family history of breast cancer are encouraged to speak to a genetic counselor to determine the pros and cons of genetic testing.

Common to all women are daily lifestyle decisions that may affect breast cancer risk. These day-to-day choices involve factors such as poor diet, insufficient physical activity, alcohol use and smoking. Besides possibly reducing breast cancer risk, lifestyle improvements represent smart steps for a healthier life. Since they can help prevent heart disease, diabetes and many other chronic, life-threatening conditions. Decrease your daily fat intake, increase fiber in your diet, eat fresh fruits and vegetables, limit alcohol, stay active and don't smoke. Having one or two of these risk factors doesn't mean a woman will develop breast cancer (seven out of ten breast cancers occur in women with none of the important risk factors, other than simply being a woman). But, knowing her personal risk factor profile and an understanding of what it means will help her plan a course of action, may reduce her chances of getting the disease or at least to detect it in its earliest, most treatable stages. Early detection saves lives.

October 31, 2008 - A WEAR IT PINK DAY is being held in Elba, Alabama. This is in aid of Breast Cancer. Campaign to raise awareness. Why not join us, wear something pink on that day. We invite people from all walks of life - those who have suffered from the disease or know someone that has, to be out in full force wearing their pink with pride.



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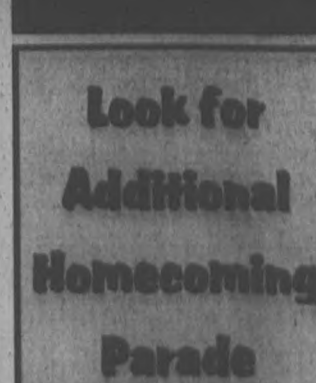
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Two Coffee County Commissioners recognized during their last meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Oct. 27, marked the final meeting as a commissioner for two members of the group.

Commissioners Linda Westbrook (District 1) and Doug Dalrymple (District 4) chose not to seek reelection this year, and therefore, participated this

week in their last meeting as a Coffee County Commissioner with the general election set to be held next Tuesday. With the meeting being their last, many accolades were given both during Monday's meeting.

"I've served with Linda and Doug the past 12 years," said Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley. "I can assure you they've been very proactive in

their districts. It's been great serving with them."

On behalf of the Coffee County Commission, Grimsley presented Westbrook and Dalrymple each with a resolution and plaque from the commission, commending them for their "untiring, dedicated and faithful service to the people of Coffee County." Each served as commissioner for their respective

districts for 12 years. Each commissioner commended Westbrook and Dalrymple for their service and said it has been an honor to serve with them. County engineer Randy Tindell also commented on working with the two commissioners as he shared a couple of favorite stories about each.

Representative Terry Spicer also made a presentation to Westbrook and Dalrymple during the meeting. On behalf of himself and Senator Jimmy Holley, Spicer thanked the commissioners for their service to the county and said it has been a pleasure working with each through the years.

Spicer presented each with a resolution from the State of Alabama commending them for 12 years of outstanding public service.

"I thank the voters of District 4 for allowing me to serve the past 12 years," Dalrymple said. "I appreciate the honor of serving you."

He and Westbrook both thanked their families for the support they have given throughout their service as a Coffee County Commissioner.

To the commissioners, Dalrymple said, "It's been an honor to serve with you. There have been some ins and outs, but I think we've got some things done."

Westbrook said it has been an honor to serve Coffee County as a Commissioner of District One.

"It has really been a good experience, and I feel like we're

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THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION recognized Doug Dalrymple (left) and Linda Westbrook (center) Monday, Oct. 27, for their service to the people of Coffee County as commissioner for the past 12 years. Commissioner Westbrook (District 1) and Commissioner Dalrymple (District 4) participated in their final meeting this week, and their fellow commissioners took the opportunity to thank them for their service. On behalf of the commissioner, Chairman Tom Grimsley (right) presented each with a resolution and plaque in appreciation of their service.

General election set for Tuesday, Nov. 4th

Voters will go to the polls once more this year as the General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The polls in Coffee County will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday. All voters that utilize the Enterprise Civic Center for voting are reminded that the original voting place was damaged re-

cently by a tornado and can not be used in the upcoming election. The new voting place for Enterprise Civic Center District 4 voters will be the Disabled American Veterans building (702 Crawford Avenue) directly across the street from the front entrance of the Civic Center.

Voters may utilize either the old parking area or the parking

by the old voting location or the dirt parking area adjacent to the DAV building. There should be ample signs to direct voters to the new voting place.

On the night of the election, results will be taken to the Farm Center in New Brockton.

Elections will include offices for county, state and federal government officials.

Elba City Council approves application for federal funding

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In the final meeting before the administration changes, the Elba City Council held what could only be described as a routine meeting Monday evening, Oct. 27.

First thing Monday morning, Nov. 3, two new council members will take office as Judge Tom Head swears in Mayor James Grimes, councilmen Ronnie Hammond and Harold Spicer to another term and newly elected councilmen H. H. (Junior) Culver and Tommy Skinner.

Culver has previously served on the city council from District

3. Skinner is representing District 2, previously held by the late David Bandstra. All terms in office are for four-year terms.

The council did approve an application for federal funding for some additional work at the Carl Folsom Airport. For \$317,800 of federal funds and \$8,365 each from the city and state, work can proceed on several areas on the airport complex, including the taxiways and aprons.

Approval of the grant is expected in 2009. Once approved, the work can proceed. Mayor Grimes expects the upgrades to be completed in 2009.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) presented a plaque Monday evening, Oct. 27, to outgoing councilmember Mike McKee (right). The mayor and council thanked McKee for his service to the people of Elba as the District Three councilmember. The new city council will take office Monday morning, Nov. 3, during a swearing-in ceremony to be held at the Elba City Hall.

Grimes reported that the signage is ready for naming Virgil Coleman Drive. A special naming ceremony will be scheduled with his family and announced publicly.

The council approved holidays for all city employees on the Friday after Thanksgiving and the Friday after Christmas.

Grimes reported the recently approved \$410,100 grant for street paving, a new restaurant to open soon on the Bypass and presented outgoing council member Mike McKee with a plaque for his dedicated service to the people of Elba.

A great deal of growth in the past

years, which can make it difficult for the community to keep up with infrastructure updates," Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) said. "This grant will provide much-needed upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility."

The project will benefit

The town of New Brockton will receive a \$400,000 grant to provide upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment facility.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs will administer the grant. Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) said the grant is welcome news to the growing town.

"As more and more people

travel on our roads on a daily basis, its important to keep up with maintenance," Spicer said. "It's a basic safety issue. This grant is fantastic news for the City of Elba and our community."

The City of Elba has committed \$45,000 in cash to match this project. The streets to be

resurfaced are: Brown, Edgewood, Fuqua, Taylor, Clark, Ellenburg, Gordon, Carver, Stouffville, Carolina, Drayton and Sunset Boulevard.

"This is a great step in the right direction to make sure that we are able to keep attracting businesses and citizens to our area," Spicer said.

more than a thousand people in the area. New Brockton has committed \$195,600 in cash match to the project.

"As the area continues to see tremendous growth, these improvements are vital to prevent the risk of exposure to water contamination," said Spicer.

The center will receive

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center will receive a grant to provide facility improvements.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs will administer the grant. Coffee County, where the Senior Center is located, is also providing funds for the expansion.

Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) said the grant is wonderful news for the senior center.

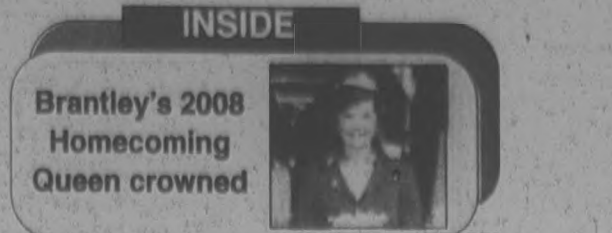
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Coffee County officials said

more charges against Truitt are expected as the investigation of this case continues.

Also arrested recently by Coffee County Sheriff's Department officials was Joshua Clarence Luke, age 21, of New Brockton. He was arrested Friday, Oct. 17, for an outstanding warrant for theft of property - first degree, resulting from a case involving a stolen vehicle.

Three days later, Luke also

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